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MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTER

CITIZENSHIP MODERNIZATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

FOR APPROVAL

SUMMARY

- The purpose of this memorandum is to seek your approval
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- It is recommended that you check the “I concur” box, and sign this memo by July 27, 2022, ¹

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BACKGROUND:

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¹ reflecting your mandate commitments to eliminate citizenship application fees, improve processing times, address systemic inequities, and advance Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

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However, Budget 2022 did announce the Government's intent to introduce legislative amendments to the *Citizenship Act* to enable automated and machine-assisted processing and the safe and secure collection and use of biometric information.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Additionally, given your mandate commitment to eliminate fees, which will further enhance accessibility to Canadian citizenship through the elimination of financial barriers,

OPTIONS

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CONSIDERATIONS:

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- Citizenship application fees are set out in a schedule to the *Citizenship Regulations* (see Annex B) and, for the most part (except for grants), have remained unchanged since their initial introduction. Of note, in fiscal year 2019-2020, citizenship grants accounted for approximately 80% of applications received while citizenship proofs accounted for a little over 4%. About \$133M was deposited into the consolidated revenue fund, with the grant of citizenship line of business accounting for over 95% of the revenues.
- Changes related to fees require Treasury Board and Governor-in-Council approval.

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

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COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

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Media and social media interest is expected to pick up once the Department communicates its plans.

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Products can include a news release, backgrounder, key messages, questions and answers, social media and web updates. A more detailed communications strategy would be developed once an option is chosen.

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RECOMMENDATION & NEXT STEPS:

- It is recommended that you check the "I concur" box, and sign this memo by July 27, 2022,

N/R

a/DM Campbell Jarvis e-approved July 15, 2022

Caroline Xavier
Acting Deputy Minister

☐ I concur

☒ I do not concur



The Hon. Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Annexes (2):

Annex A -

Annex B - Schedule of Fees

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SCHEDULE OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP FEES

Application/line of business	Service Fee	Right of Citizenship Fee	Last Amended
Grant of citizenship – adults	\$530	\$100	2015
Grant of citizenship – minors applying on their own	\$100	-	2018
Grant of citizenship – adoptees, minors	\$100	-	2007
Grant of citizenship – adoptees, adults	\$530	\$100	2015
Grant of citizenship – minors applying as dependent	\$100	-	1995
Grant of citizenship – stateless (adults)	\$0	\$100	2009
Grant of citizenship – Stateless minors	\$0	-	2009
Grant of citizenship – resumption (18 and over)	\$530	-	2015
Grant of citizenship – resumption (under 18)	\$100	-	1997
Proof of citizenship, adult/minor	\$75	-	1997
Search of records of citizenship (no charge when combined with a proof of citizenship application)	\$75	-	1997
Renunciation of citizenship (regular)	\$100	-	1995
Renunciation of citizenship (simplified)	\$0	-	2008